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Plague in Tokyo; infection spreading—Plague death at Shimonoseki from steamship Keijo Maru from Osaka.

During the week ended July 15, 1905, bills of health were issued to 4 steamships having an aggregate personnel of 777 crew and 91 passengers.

Yokohama seems to continue free from grave quarantinable disease, excluding leprosy. The same statement applies to Kobe and Nagasaki.

After a period of quiescence, plague has again made its appearance in Tokyo in spite of the rigid preventive measures that have been In that city a plague death occurred on the 19th instant, the patient having been previously removed from his residence in Fukagawa Ku (Tokyo) to the Honjo Infectious Disease Hospital. Another plague death was announced on the 20th instant in the same institution, the patient having been a resident of Honjo Ku, an employee of a dealer in waste paper, rags, etc. Among the members of this latter household an additional case of plague has since developed, making in all 3 cases of plague that have been reported in Tokyo since the date of my last letter. The occurrence of 2 cases of the disease in Honjo Ku indicates that the infection is spreading. On the 19th instant a plague-infected rat was found in Fukagawa Ku (Tokyo).

Shimonoseki telegrams report that a death from plague occurred in a hospital at that place on July 17. This patient's previous history shows that he had resided in Osaka from July 11 to July 15, on which latter date he took passage by the Osaka Shosen Kaisha's steamship Keijo Maru for Korea. Becoming ill during the voyage, he landed at Shimonoseki, where he died, as above stated. It would seem that the infection was contracted at Osaka, where a plague death occurred on May 9. Through some oversight the Keijo Maru seems to have proceeded on her voyage to Fusan and Mokpo without having been

subjected to suitable sanitary measures.

## MEXICO.

Reports from Progreso—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Mortality.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Harrison reports, July 30 and August 7, as follows:

During the week ended July 31, 1905, no quarantinable disease was reported here or in Merida.

The following vessels were dispatched:

July 26, steamship Orion, British, to Galveston; crew, 37; fumigated.

July 26, steamship Telefon, Norwegian, to Mobile; crew, 19; pas-

sengers, 1; fumigated.

July 28, steamship Matanzas, American, to United States via Tampico; crew, 41.

July 29, steamship Yucatan, American, to New York via Habana;

crew, 75; passengers from Progreso, 49 (to New York, 13).

July 30, steamship *Progreso*, Norwegian, Texas City; crew, 25; fumigated.

Week ended July 7, 1905.

Quarantinable diseases, none; deaths from other causes as follows: Gastro-enteritis, 3; malaria, 3; uremia, 1; pulmonary tuberculosis, 2;